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VIA ECF

The Honorable John G. Koeltl United States District Court Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312 APPLICATION GRANTED
SO ORDERED

John G. Koeltl, U.S.D.

Re:

<u>Yipit, LLC d/b/a YipitData v. Emmett et al., 1:24-cv-07854 (JGK) (RFT) –</u>
Motion to Seal Document

Dear Judge Koeltl:

We represent plaintiff Yipit, LLC d/b/a YipitData ("Yipit") in the above-captioned. Yipit respectfully submits this letter motion to seal Yipit's concurrently filed Response to M Science's Motion for Leave to File a Sur-Reply.

This filing contains Yipit's highly confidential, competitively sensitive business information that, if publicly disclosed, could harm Yipit's competitive standing. In particular, the document discloses the name and identifying information of one of Yipit's investor customers, whose identity must remain confidential in order to protect the customer's competitive interest in safeguarding the sources of their information. *See* Dkt. No. 161.

Sealing is justified under the standard set forth in *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110 (2d Cir. 2006). Yipit has a compelling interest in protecting its commercially sensitive and confidential business information, *see Standard Inv. Chartered v. Fin. Indus. Regul. Auth., Ind.*, 347 F. App'x 615, 617 (2d Cir. 2009), and courts routinely grant motions to seal documents disclosing specific, confidential information about a business's customers, products, and pricing, *see, e.g., Hypnotic Hats, Ltd. v. Wintermantel Enter., LLC*, 335 F. Supp. 3d 566, 600 (S.D.N.Y. 2018); *Kewazinga Corp. v. Microsoft Corp.*, No. 18-CV-4500 (GHW), 2021 WL 1222122, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 31, 2021). Indeed, this Court has granted nearly identical requests to seal documents containing much of the same information underlying this motion. *See* Dkt. Nos. 65, 73, 96, 153, 171.

Further, this motion to seal is narrowly tailored to preserve the public's interest in access to court records. Yipit has publicly filed a version of its response that narrowly redacts only the

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portions that contain Yipit's highly confidential, competitively sensitive business information. See, e.g., Toretto v. Donnelley Fin. Sols., Inc., 583 F. Supp. 3d 570, 608 (S.D.N.Y. 2022) (granting motion to seal because "release of the information contained in the [document] could cause competitive harm to Defendants, and because the proposed redactions are narrowly tailored to protect only this sensitive business information"); KeyBank Nat'l Assn. v. Element Transp. LLC, No. 16-CV-8958, 2017 WL 384875, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 26, 2017) (granting motion to seal where the movant "narrowly tailored their redactions, strictly limiting them to the portions of the [document] containing" confidential information).

Accordingly, the motion to seal should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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